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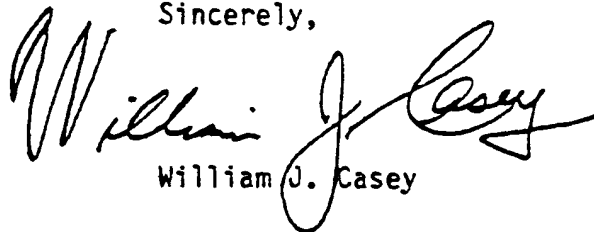
Dear [Redacted]

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That was a strange performance in your reporting of the statement I made in response to Senator Hart's citing as improper my not placing my securities in a blind trust. I pointed out that Senator Hart had sat in the Senate when the mandatory blind trust was rejected and disclosure established instead as the appropriate method to protect the public interest when officials sell or buy property.

The purpose of my brief statement was to call attention to the fact that Hart was there when the rules were established and now cries foul at transactions which were contemplated at the time and which were handled in every respect in conformity with those rules. The story in your January 30 issue managed to entirely omit this central point, while reiterating Hart's politically motivated charges. It is hard to attribute this handling of my explicit statement to accident or incompetence.

Sincerely,



William J. Casey

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Casey Says Hart's Criticism Of Finances Is 'Demagoguery'

CIA Director William J. Casey accused Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colo.) yesterday of "demagoguery" for criticizing Casey's financial transactions while in office.

Campaigning in Iowa Saturday for the Democratic presidential nomination, Hart rebuked President Reagan for condoning what Hart called a staggering amount of unethical and improper conduct on the part of high-ranking officials. Hart criticized Casey, among others, for not putting his holdings in a blind trust until mid-1983, when the

Senate "threatened to pass a resolution demanding that he do so."

In a statement, Casey assailed Hart for "this bit of demagoguery." Casey said he had been complying with the Ethics in Government Act, which called for mandatory disclosure of financial transactions, and termed it "rather shabby for Hart" to find fault now with dealings that were duly reported under the law. Casey traded more than \$3 million in stock in 1982 through an investment adviser.